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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Master Plan of Drainage (MPD) provides an analysis of existing storm drain facilities located within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV or City) jurisdiction. This analysis is an update to the 2004 Master Plan of Drainage prepared by AKM Consulting Engineers. The MPD divides the City into 10 different drainage areas, named according to the receiving water body and the adjacent city to which they are tributary. The 10 drainage areas are Ocean South South, Ocean South East, Ocean South West, Ocean West, Los Angeles Harbor South, Los Angeles Harbor East, Los Angeles Harbor North, Palos Verdes Estates North, Palos Verdes Estates West and Rolling Hills Estates. The hydrology and hydraulic analyses were completed for each drainage area.

The goal of the MPD is to provide comprehensive long-range planning for the implementation and development of drainage facility improvements, determine the cost of implementing such facilities, discuss funding priorities, and provide an implementation schedule of the improvements within the City. Hydrology and hydraulic analyses for the storm drain facilities were modeled using the XP-Solutions Stormwater and Wastewater Management Modeling (XP-SWMM) program. XP-SWMM provides a hydrodynamic modeling approach that facilitates the modeling process, and it is a tool the City could incorporate in future storm drain design projects. Initial setup of the model required research on all available as-built information of the entire City’s storm drain systems. For this research, the existing City’s geographic information system (GIS) database was updated, and field visits were completed. ArcGIS was used to organize and compile all of the information needed to model each storm drain system, including but not limited to diameter, material, and invert elevations.

The hydrology and hydraulic analyses were completed for the 10-, 25- and 50-year storm events. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works 2006 Hydrology Manual was used as the basis for the hydrology analysis. Each drainage area was divided into different subwatersheds tributary to strategic storm drain structures selected for modeling purposes as the runoff water collectors into the storm drain systems. After the hydrology analysis was completed, the hydraulic analysis was run. The 1982 Los Angeles County Flood Control Hydraulics Design Manual was used as the basis for the hydraulics analysis. The results obtained from the hydraulic model were used to find deficiencies within the storm drain systems. Several options were run to complete the recommended improvements analysis. This analysis is a preliminary assessment, and it is recommended that before the completion of each capital improvement project an engineering design study be prepared using the MPD XP-SWMM model as a basis.

Once deficiencies were identified and the recommended improvements analysis completed, each project cost was calculated. The cost per project included project construction, engineering design, and project administration costs. A prioritization scheme was prepared and used to complete the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) schedule. The recommended improvement projects for this MPD were prioritized based on risk assessment criteria of 1, 2 or 3. Twenty-six systems were found to be priority 1, 13 systems priority 2, and 36 systems priority 3. The CIP
schedule outlines the recommended implementation to complete the projects based on risk characterization, potential impacts, and prioritization. Currently, a storm drain user fee provides $1.3 million per year to fund drainage facilities projects. This tax expires in 2016; however, for this MPD, it is assumed that it will be renewed. The CIP schedule uses a 10-year program horizon considering $1.3 million as available funding for each year as shown in table ES-1. Years 1 through 9 were found to have deficient funds and would require other sources to fund the projects.

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INTRODUCTION

The Master Plan of Drainage (MPD) for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV or City) was prepared by Michael Baker International (Michael Baker). The MPD uses a comprehensive modeling approach and enables the City to

- Verify their geographic information system (GIS) database inventory;
- Update the hydrology and hydraulic calculations for all City storm drain systems;
- Assess storm drain pipe capacity;
- Identify improvements needed with associated cost estimates; and
- Develop a scheme to prioritize and implement the proposed recommendations.

This MPD divides the City into 10 different drainage areas: Palos Verdes Estates North (PVN), Palos Verdes Estates West (PVW), Rolling Hills Estates (RHE), Ocean West (OWW), Ocean South West (OSW), Ocean South South (OSS), Ocean South East (OSE), Los Angeles Harbor South (LAS), Los Angeles Harbor North (LAN) and Los Angeles Harbor East (LAE) as shown in Figure 1-1. The first part of each drainage area name indicates the receiving water body name, and the second indicates the geographical location.

1.1 Background

The City is comprised of approximately 14 square miles on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the southwest portion of Los Angeles County. The majority of the City drains to natural canyon systems with direct discharge to the ocean. This MPD updates the Master Plan of Drainage prepared in 2004 by AKM Consulting Engineers. The 2004 Master Plan of Drainage divided the City into six different drainage areas. These drainage areas have been further divided for this study into 10 areas to gain a better understanding of the drainage patterns of the City. The 2004 report was prepared using the County of Los Angeles MORA hydrology computer program used to analyze the hydrology within the City. The 2004 MPD also provided hydraulic calculations using normal depth calculations based on Manning’s equation.

1.2 Purpose

The goal of the MPD is to provide comprehensive long-range planning for the implementation and development of drainage facility improvements, determine the cost of implementing such facilities, and discuss funding priorities of the improvements within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Hydrology and hydraulic analysis for the storm drain facilities within RPV were modeled using the XP-Solutions Stormwater and Wastewater Management Modeling (XP-SWMM) program. XP-SWMM is a comprehensive hydrology and hydraulics program that was used to update the watershed hydrology and analyze the storm drain hydraulics. The program was used to identify issues in the existing storm drain systems and to determine the best alternative to alleviate deficiencies.
1.3 Report development

This report explains how the MPD was developed. It is organized as follows:

1. Technical approach (Chapter 2): Detailed explanation of the hydrology and hydraulic modeling basis, and cost estimates approach.
2. Drainage areas (Chapters 3-12): Each of the ten drainage area has its own chapter covering the following:
   - Existing hydrology description and results.
   - Existing hydraulic analysis assumptions and results.
   - Deficiency removal, recommended improvements and cost estimates.
   - Recommended improvements maps.
3. Capital Improvements: The prioritization, implementation, and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are discussed in Chapter 13.
4. Exhibits: Land use map, soils classification map, and each drainage area hydrology map are located following the main report.
5. Technical Appendices: XP-SWMM output data files and detail cost estimate table backup.